Editor Quits His Job Because of CIA Links

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Gott has resigned as editor of Business International on grounds that the publication's management provided cover for four CIA agents between 1955 and 1960.

"I want to disassociate myself from any involvement in CIA activities," Gott, 54, said in an interview.

Business International, a weekly business information service that prints several regional publications, was identified in a New York Times article of Dec. 27, 1977, as a company that had connections with the CIA. Gott said he had not been aware until the Times article was printed and the company acknowledged the report, that Business International ever had CIA connections.

Elliott Haynes, co-founder of Business International, said providing cover for the agents consisted of approving credentials on a stringer arrangement for four CIA operatives.